

Penfolds

# Bin 2 Shiraz / Mourvedre

1996

Penfolds Bin 2 Shiraz - Mourvedre was first produced in 1960. It is a uniquely Australian wine made predominantly from Shiraz, which in 1996 accounted for about 80 per cent of the blend. Penfolds Bin 2 is a soft, inviting wine with the Shiraz berry-fruit flavours complemented by a penetrating, spicy edge derived from the Barossa Valley Mourvedre. The 1996 Penfolds Bin 2 Shiraz - Mourvedre is a multi-regional blend which maintains the quality and style of previous vintages.



VINEYARD REGION	
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The 1996 vintage was generally very good with Swan Hill, Rutherglen and the Barossa Valley delivering record crops of high quality grapes.
GRAPE VARIETY	Mourvedre, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	Matured in 5-year-old American oak barrels for 10 months.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.50% Acidity: 6.30g/L pH: 3.53
LAST TASTED	2000-07-27
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2004
FOOD MATCHES	Beef, Duck & Game, Lamb

## Winemaker comments by Phillip John

### COLOUR

Bright crimson with mauve hues.

### NOSE

The fresh and youthful bouquet shows ripe cherry-like varietal fruit and some lifted spice with a hint of musk. Underlying oak adds complexity.

### PALATE

The wine is medium bodied and full flavoured in style. The palate features upfront peppery Shiraz and attractive raspberry fruit flavours with rich earthy characters and a dash of oak. The wine shows an excellent balance of weight and fruit, a soft mid-